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SA ROBERT R. NICHOLS

CHRISTIAN ANTI-JEWISH PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS
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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau dated 2/26/59.

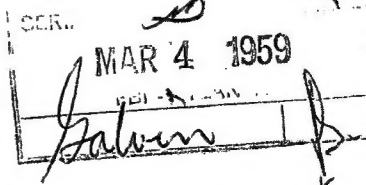
On 2/24/59 [redacted] Atlanta, Ga., contacted SA NICHOLS telephonically and advised that J. B. STONER and RICHARD BOWLING are in and out of EMMETT O. MORRIS' residence frequently and are riding in a 1951 gray Plymouth sedan, which is driven by RICHARD. [redacted] stated that J. B. STONER still has no car and depends on MORRIS and RICHARD for transportation. [redacted] said he had no further information on STONER's proposed trip to Chicago.

On 2/24/59 about 4:55 PM RICHARD BOWLING was observed walking from Mitchell Motors Oldsmobile Service Department at West Peachtree Street and West Peachtree Place, NW. He walked across the street, entered a 1951 gray Plymouth sedan, 1959 Ga. tag 1-24705, and drove north on West Peachtree Street. BOWLING was alone. No further effort was made to surveil him since SA NICHOLS was assigned to another surveillance at the time.

Above submitted for information.

- 1 105-937 (RICHARD BOWLING)
- 1 100-2174 (EMMETT MORRIS)
- 1 100-5755 (J. B. STONER)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Date: FEB 26 1959

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-15473)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-4976)
SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN ANTI-JEWISH PARTY
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, dated 11/3/58, and Bureau airtel to Atlanta, dated 11/14/58.

The Atlanta Office is in possession of no information which would indicate Christian Anti-Jewish Party activities in Atlanta Division or other offices at the present time, although a Confidential Source advised on 2/12/59, that P. O. Box 48, Atlanta, Georgia, is currently in the name of J. B. STONER and the Christian Anti-Jewish Party.

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[redacted] (cover per request) [redacted]
Atlanta, Georgia, [redacted] advised confidentially on 2/12/59 that STONER has been residing with EMMETT O. MORRIS, Route #4, Austell, Georgia, for the past two weeks. [redacted] said STONER is "down and out" since he is currently unemployed and has no car to get around.

- 3 - Bureau (65-15473) (RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (100-2955) (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (100-4314) (RM)
- 1 - Omaha (RM)
- 1 - Louisville (RM)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (RM)
- 1 - Savannah (RM)
- 1 - Norfolk (RM)
- 4 - Atlanta (1 - 100-4976) (CAJP)
(1 - 105-937) (RICHARD BOWLING)
(1 - 100-2174) (EMMETT MORRIS)
(1 - 100-5755) (J. B. STONER)

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[] stated that RICHARD BOWLING brought STONER to MORRIS' residence in a 1949 Black Plymouth sedan about two weeks ago.

STONER told [] that he may be going to Chicago in the near future but did not tell [] the purpose of this trip; who he would contact; or his mode of transportation.

The only information available to Atlanta since the last closing report, which is of a nature indicating a possible existing Christian Anti-Jewish Party organization, is the list of names of persons found on cards at the home of MORRIS during a search conducted 10/12/58 in conjunction with the Atlanta Jewish Temple Bombing investigation.

Referenced Atlanta airtel requested all offices receiving copies to interview if desirable or feasible all persons whose names appeared on these cards, which cards appeared to be requests for membership application blanks.

The Atlanta airtel also requested these persons be interviewed regarding connections with Christian Anti-Jewish Party, both past and present, as well as the identity of acquaintances they may have made through any such connection, in addition to interviewing them concerning any knowledge of STONER, MORRIS, and RICHARD and ROBERT BOWLING.

Referenced Bureau airtel dated 11/14/58, advised that the interviews should be conducted along the lines of seeking information regarding STONER, BOWLING, and MORRIS. These instructions apparently deemed it unnecessary to interview the above-mentioned list of individuals about Christian Anti-Jewish Party and meant that interviews be confined to seeking information about STONER, BOWLING, and MORRIS, particularly any acts of violence by them.

Knoxville letter to the Bureau dated 12/30/58, advised that the Christian Anti-Jewish Party case in their Division was being RUC'd since no information available showing it to be in existence in the Knoxville territory. Knoxville advised that interviews would be made of the list of individuals set forth in Atlanta airtel 10/29/58, and the results submitted under the caption of the Atlanta Jewish Temple bombing case, 10/12/58.

AT 100-4976

Atlanta, in view of Bureau's request that an intensified investigation be conducted of the Christian Anti-Jewish Party, believes it is necessary that all offices concerned submit a report concerning results of the above-mentioned interviews under the Christian Anti-Jewish Party caption, particularly information pertaining to the current existence of a Christian Anti-Jewish Party organization. If this is not desired, the Bureau is requested to advise Atlanta and all other interested offices.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office MIAMI	Office of Origin JACKSONVILLE	Date 1/14/59	Investigative Period 10/13/58-1/11/59
TITLE OF CASE BOMBING OF THE JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958		Report made by JAMES E. WALLACE	Typed By: mbs
		CHARACTER OF CASE INFORMATION CONCERNING	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Bureau letter to Miami, 12/18/58.
Miami letter to Bureau, 1/2/59.

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ENCLOSURES: Enclosed for the Bureau are (1) six copies of informant evaluation memorandum.

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JACKSONVILLE:

AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.:

Will play the recording of the voice of HARLEY HANSON CHILDSON to the person or persons who were telephonically contacted on April 28, 1958, regarding instant bombings.

Approved	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below		
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3 - Miami (44-895) (1 - 44-948)				

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ATLANTA: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished to the Atlanta Office for information because it contains information concerning KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN, suspect in instant case and the bombing in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 12, 1958. GRIFFIN is a resident of the State of Georgia.

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INFORMANTS

IDENTITY

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

SA JAMES E. WALLACE

Office: MIAMI

Date:

JAN 14 1959

File Number:

MIAMI (44-895) BUREAU (100-135-63)

Title:

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES
WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE,
FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958

Character:

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Synopsis:

HARLEY HANSON CHILDSON, St. Petersburg, Fla., and FRANK GASTON, Tampa, Fla., advised that they possess no information concerning instant bombing or any recent bombings which appear to stem from racial prejudices.

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DETAILS: AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

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On September 6 and 9, 1958, MM T-1 reported that on August 31, 1958, in Louisville, Kentucky, H. H. CHILDERS (HARLEY HANSON CHILDSON) made the statement that he and (FNU) [] and (FNU) GRIFFITH or GRIFFIN (KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN) of Atlanta, had done the bombings in Jacksonville, Florida, and that after it was done, they called a Rabbi and said they were the Confederate Underground and were going to do some more bombing.

On May 27, 1958, G. D. FRAZIER, 1835 Mississippi Avenue, Northeast, advised he saw HARLEY HANSON CHILDSON at about 3:00 P.M. on March 15, 1958, and arranged for CHILDSON to commence repairs on FRAZIER's residence on March 17, 1958, which CHILDSON did. FRAZIER said he saw CHILDSON in St. Petersburg in the A.M. and P.M. of March 17, 1958.

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On April 26, 1958, CHILDSOON negotiated a check given to him by FRAZIER at Publix Market No. 27, 9th Street, North, St. Petersburg.

On June 3, 1958, MM T-2 advised that he has had little contact with CHILDSOON during the past few months. He said that conversation concerning the bombings at Jacksonville and Miami, Florida, with members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan brought no mention of his name as a possible participant. Informant mentioned CHILDSOON's name to others active in pro-segregation activity but it failed to elicit any connection between CHILDSOON and these incidents.

On October 17, 1958, MM T-2 advised that CHILDSOON, to his knowledge, had never made any specific statement indicating that he had participated in the bombings at Miami, Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, and in Tennessee.

HARLEY HANSON CHILDSOON, 333 43rd Avenue, North, was interviewed on October 13, 1958. CHILDSOON advised that he knows nothing concerning the bombings at Jacksonville and Miami. He stated he knows nothing concerning the bombing in Clinton, Tennessee.

On October 16, 1958, CHILDSOON was interviewed. He denied having any personal knowledge of any bombings possibly involving racial prejudice and denied that he had participated in any bombings.

On October 17, 1958, CHILDSOON was interviewed. He said he has never been in Jacksonville, Florida. He again denied participation in and of having anymore than public knowledge concerning the recent bombings.

On October 17, 1958, CHILDSOON displayed receipts from Sun City Plumbing, St. Petersburg, and Florida Tile Company, Tampa, both dated April 30, 1958, which he said indicated he had lined up the construction jobs prior to

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April 30, 1958. He possessed no data that would definitely place him in St. Petersburg on April 28, 1958, but said he was not in Jacksonville on that date and was in St. Petersburg, to the best of his recollection.

On December 1, 1958, CHILDSOON was interviewed. He said he was not, and is not involved in any bombings. He said he only has public knowledge of the bombings. He said he does not know who did the bombings and does not know anyone who knows the identity of the bombers. He voluntarily allowed his voice to be recorded.

HARLEY HANSON CHILDSOON is a member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, aka, which organization has for its head WILLIAM "BILL" HENDRIX.

CHILDSOON admitted on October 16 and 17, 1958, that he attempted to form the Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, aka, subsequent to October, 1957. He considers this organization defunct at this time.

CHILDSOON admitted on December 1, 1958, that he attempted to form the Confederate Underground during the Summer of 1958. He stated that his Confederate Underground is not the Confederate Underground mentioned in connection with the recent bombings. He has said that he is not planning on trying to keep his Confederate Underground alive because of the apathy attended it at its inception and that he considers it "dead" at this time.

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA HOWARD K. RUTHERFORD, JR.:

FRANK GASTON, Patrolman, Tampa Police Department, who resides at 2809 Central Avenue, Tampa, advised he has no information whatever concerning the bombings in Jacksonville

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in April, 1958, or concerning any of the recent bombings which appear to stem from racial prejudices. He said he has not heard anything to indicate who may be responsible for these bombings and he has no idea who is to blame. Specifically, he has no knowledge that [redacted] of Tampa is connected with the Jacksonville bombings, he said, and he has never even heard anyone state they thought [redacted] was responsible to the best of his recollection. GASTON stated he knows [redacted] and personally dislikes him but he could not say he has any reason to associate him with the Jacksonville bombings.

He went on to state that he became associated with [redacted] upon his return to Tampa from military service after World War II. GASTON said at that time [redacted] was organizing a group under the name [redacted] which had as its announced purpose the promotion of worthwhile civic movements and the election to public office of honest and reputable citizens. He said this club obtained a charter in the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County and his, GASTON's, name appears on the charter as one of the founders. GASTON said he, being just back from military service, knew little about [redacted] at the time and was impressed with the aims of the Club. After a time, however, he became disgusted because it appeared to him [redacted] was just making money off the club, so he quit. He said since then he has had nothing to do with [redacted] except to speak to him when they meet on the street, and he said [redacted] has not concealed the fact he dislikes GASTON.

Concerning an associate of [redacted] named ROPER, GASTON said he knows nothing first hand. He said about four years ago one [redacted], whose first name he does not know, but who was associated with a Ku Klux Klan organization in Atlanta, came to Tampa and spoke at a public rally on Florida Avenue near the intersection of Hamilton Street. GASTON said he went out to the rally but left after a few minutes as he thought "there was something 'fishy' about a Jew speaking for the Ku Klux Klan." He said at that time somebody

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told him, and he claims he does not remember who it was, that [] and (FNU) ROPER, also of Atlanta, and [] were friends and they were all going to get into trouble. He said to his best recollection that is the only time he ever heard [] name associated with those of ROPER or []. He said he does not know the identity of the ROPER referred to but assumes is the same one whose picture appeared on the cover of "Life" magazine about two years ago in connection with an article about the Klan.

Asked if BILL HENDRIX might have been the person who told him [] was associated with [] and ROPER, GASTON stated he is certain it was not HENDRIX. He added that he has known HENDRIX since they were both employed by the Government in the Fire Department at Camp Gordon Johnson, Carribell, Florida, in 1941. He said HENDRIX has always been a gentleman and a 100 per cent American, in GASTON's opinion, and he considers him a good friend.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida

JAN 14 1959

RE: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
APRIL 28, 1958

Reference is made to the report of Special
Agent JAMES E. WALLACE, dated and captioned as above, at
Miami.

MM T-1 and MM T-2, mentioned in above referenced
report, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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11/25/58

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-395)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES NELSON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 6/28/58
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau, 11/1/58, and Bureau
airtel to Atlanta, 11/17/58.

Last paragraph of referenced airtel requested Miami
consider desirability of interviewing FRANK CASTON and make
appropriate recommendation to Bureau.

As Bureau is aware, FRANK CASTON is a patrolman of
the Tampa PD and, consequently, acquainted with Bureau agents
at Tampa. On 11/13/58, SA H. E. RUTHERFORD encountered CASTON
in the lobby of the Tampa Post Office and engaged him in
conversation during the course of which an opportunity was
afforded to bring up the subject of recent bombings. CASTON
accompanied SA RUTHERFORD to the resident agency office and
in subsequent conversation was led to answer all the questions
raised by Atlanta in referenced letter. At no time was CASTON
apprized of any information furnished by [redacted] nor was
anything said to indicate to him the FBI was aware of the
statements he allegedly made to [redacted]. The approach to

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GASTON was made in a casual and friendly way and his cooperation was solicited on the basis of his being a police officer. His response was likewise friendly. He volunteered information about his past association with BILL HENRIKX and [REDACTED] in such a way as to show he believed this was the reason he was being interviewed. This assumption was neither confirmed or denied by SA RUTHERFORD, inasmuch as GASTON has never made a secret of these associations.

The substance of the interview with GASTON will be reported in detail later, along with other investigation in this matter conducted by Miami. Briefly it can be stated he denied any knowledge of captioned bombings and denied having any information linking [REDACTED] to them.

The above is furnished in response to referenced Bureau airtel so that the Bureau and other offices will be aware of the circumstances under which GASTON was interviewed.

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AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, ATLANTA
SUBJECT : BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
APRIL 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ReBuairtel 11/17/58.

Transmitted herewith are blind memoranda concerning [redacted] and KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN for transmittal to the Jacksonville Police Department. It will be noted that the Bureau requested this information be furnished the Jacksonville Police Department, but stated that [redacted] should not be identified as an informant, or to go into detail re his attendance at a Klan meeting and racial demonstration on April 27, 1958.

Regarding [redacted] whereabouts during the pertinent period of 10/12/58, [redacted] was observed by SA HENRY E. KING at a high school football game in Atlanta on the night of 10/11/58, and after the game, which was approximately 10:00 p.m., SA KING had a discussion with [redacted]. As the Bureau is aware, SA KING, upon learning of the Temple bombing on the morning of 10/12/58, telephonically contacted [redacted] and asked him to locate members of the NSRP. [redacted] therefore, telephonically contacted KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN. This information likewise could not be set forth in the blind memorandum.

3 - Bureau (100-135-63) (8 Encls.)
1 - Jacksonville (105-64) (4 Encls.)
3 - Atlanta (1- [redacted])
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The Bureau's attention is directed to Atlanta teletype dated 10/22/58, in case entitled WALLACE HUGH ALLEN, ETAL, Bombing of The Temple, 1582 Peachtree Road, N.E. Atlanta, Ga., in which the summary of [] activity is set forth based on file review and conversations with []. It will be noted that on page 11 of this teletype, it states that [] carried his family to the Southeastern Fair on Saturday night, 10/11/58, whereas, it should have stated that he was at the North Fulton High School Football game where he was observed by SA KING. It was on the previous Saturday night, 10/5/58, which was the date of the Clinton, Tennessee bombing, that [] carried his family to the Southeastern Fair, and arrived home shortly before midnight.

Any pertinent information developed will be furnished Jacksonville and the Bureau.

RUC.

November 21, 1958

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Regarding the whereabouts of [redacted] on April 27 and 28, 1958, inquiries verify he was in Atlanta, Georgia, until at least 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 1958, and on the morning of April 28, 1958.

[redacted] and upon interview he stated that on the night of April 27, 1958, after checking with his foreman, he went home and went to bed. [redacted] does not recall, due to the passage of time, the exact time he arrived home, but stated he remained at home with his wife and children until the morning of April 28, 1958.

Regarding the whereabouts of [redacted] on October 11 and 12, 1958, it has been definitely established that he was in Atlanta at approximately 10:00 p.m. on October 11, 1958, and at approximately 9:00 a.m. on October 12, 1958. [redacted] has been interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as members of the Atlanta Police Department, and he advised he went to a football game in Atlanta on the night of October 11, 1958, and after the game went directly to his home, arriving about 10:30 p.m., where he remained until at least 9:00 a.m. on October 12, 1958. He denied any knowledge or participation in either the Jacksonville or Atlanta bombings, and stated he had never been in Jacksonville, Florida.

[redacted] was afforded a Polygraph Test on October 21, 1958, and nothing was observed to suggest deception in response to questions asked during the test.

HENRY E. KING:mel

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(1 - [redacted])

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KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN

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Kenneth Chester Griffin on October 13, 1958, furnished officers of the Atlanta Police Department a statement in which he stated that in the [redacted] he attended a meeting of the National States Rights Party, [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia. Also present at this meeting, according to Griffin, were [redacted] George Bright, [redacted] and Wallace Allen.

According to Griffin, during the course of this meeting Wallace Allen brought up the subject of dynamiting a Jewish Synagogue on Peachtree Street. Griffin stated Allen said that J. B. Stoner could be counted on to go to Anniston, Alabama, to pick up the dynamite from the Ku Klux Klan there, and [redacted] while Wallace Allen was in the getaway car. Allen further stated, according to Griffin, that the two Bowling boys would plant the dynamite, and one of Ace Carter's men from Birmingham, Alabama, would set the fuse. During the course of the discussion, [redacted] left, and returned at the close of the meeting, according to Griffin. Griffin denied that he participated in the bombing of the Temple, or any other bombings.

Griffin was afforded the Polygraph Test on October 13, 1958, with the following results:

"Although no outstanding reactions indicating deception were observed in the Polygraph Test of Griffin, discrepancies were noted between his answers during the Polygraph Test, and statements previously made by him, particularly, in connection with the statement furnished by him to the Atlanta Police Department. When these were called to his attention, he denied that the statement given to the Atlanta Police was accurate, and said he had dreamed it. Upon further interview, he reaffirmed his statement to the Atlanta Police Department in total".

HENRY E. KING:me1
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3 - Atlanta
1 - [redacted]
1 - 62-1670

(1 - 100-5755)

KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN

Griffin on several occasions has repudiated his statement made to officers of the Atlanta Police Department, and states that he was at home in bed on the night of October 11, 1958.

Marcus Hale Griffin, Jr., brother of Kenneth Chester Griffin, advised the latter was in bed asleep at about midnight on October 11, 1958, and when he woke up at 10:00 a.m. on October 12, 1958, Kenneth Chester Griffin was still in bed asleep.

Russell F. Langley, who resides at the Griffin home, advised that he arrived home at approximately 2:30 a.m. on October 12, 1958. He stated that upon his arrival, he went to the bathroom on the second floor of the building, and looked into the bedroom where Chester and Marcus Griffin sleep. He stated that both beds were occupied at the time, and he assumed it was Chester and Marcus Griffin in those beds.

Regarding the whereabouts of Kenneth Chester Griffin on April 27 and 28, 1958, it will be noted that Griffin has refused to be interviewed.

On November 17, 1958, an attempt was made to interview Griffin at the Fulton County Jail concerning his activity on the weekend preceding April 28, 1958, but he absolutely refused to discuss the matter.

On November 6, 1958, Wayne D. Harris, Supervisor of Personnel, Georgia State Department of Revenue, produced records regarding Griffin's employment. A review of these records did not reflect Griffin was absent from his job on any day in April, 1958.

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AIRTEL

TO: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

FROM: SAC, Charlotte (44-444)

RE: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 4/28/58
INFORMATION CONCERNING

FOIA(b)(7) - (D) Rebuairtel 11/17/58 to Atlanta.

Concerning recommendation (2), CE let 11/14/58 to Bureau
sets forth information of circumstances under which [redacted]
received information from CHILDSOON.

Concerning recommendation (6) about interview of FRANK
GASTON: CE has no information whether FRANK GASTON may have made
statements about [redacted] and --- ROPER at any time other
than the occasion he made such statements 6/15/58 to [redacted]
Therefore, a direct question might have the effect of exposing
this informant. It is believed that indirect questioning of
FRANK GASTON, along the same lines as instructed by Bureau in
connection with interview of CHILDSOON, would involve little
danger of exposing this informant.

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- 1 - Jacksonville (105-64) (RM)
- 1 - Miami (44-895) (105-1544 CU) (RM)
- ① - Atlanta (100-5755) (RM)
- 1 - Charlotte (44-444)

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: SAC, ATLANTA

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
APRIL 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Reurlet 11-1-58 summarizing developments relating to the possible involvement of [redacted] in captioned bombings and setting forth certain recommendations made by you in this matter in connection with these recommendations, you are instructed as follows:

Recommendation (1) dealing with what information should be furnished to the Jacksonville authorities concerning Rogers, you should furnish Jacksonville with a succinct summary of the information available re [redacted] whereabouts during the pertinent period, 4-27-58 and 4-28-58, for transmittal to the Jacksonville Police Department. You should not identify [redacted] as an informant or go into detail re his attendance at a Klan meeting and racial demonstration on 4-27-58. Merely state that inquiries verify that he was in Atlanta until approximately 5:00 p.m., 4-27-58 and on the morning of 4-28-58. Include pertinent data furnished by [redacted] on interview and the fact that he was afforded a polygraph examination and the results thereof. With reference to his possible connection with the Atlanta bombing, include pertinent data developed re his whereabouts on 10-11-58 and 10-12-58, pertinent data re his denial of involvement as furnished in his joint interview with Bureau Agents and Atlanta Police Department officers and any additional pertinent data bearing on his possible involvement or lack of same.

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Airtel to SAC, Atlanta

Re: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL

With reference to your concern about the Jacksonville Police Department, subsequently learning of [] informant status as a result of his possible appearance as a witness in the Atlanta bombing case, the Bureau has long followed the practice of checking on informants' activities to insure that they are furnishing accurate and truthful information. The fact that the Bureau in this instance furnished the allegation re [] to the Jacksonville authorities can only reflect credit upon the Bureau and its objective efforts to insure that law and order is upheld regardless of the circumstances. Insofar as [] personally is concerned, you have previously been instructed that if he is contacted by agents of any police agency, the decision as to whether he will reveal his informant status with the Bureau is a personal one which he must make, but in any event, he must answer questions of such law enforcement agents truthfully.

Recommendation (2) recommending that [] be reinterviewed for the purpose of determining the specific circumstances under which [] received the information in question from Harley Childson. Information available to the Bureau in this regard reflects that Childson stated in his conversation with the informant that he, [] and Griffin were responsible for the bombings. Information available to the Bureau indicates that the occasion on which [] participated in the conversation with Childson was the first time he had met Childson. If there are pertinent details concerning the circumstances under which [] obtained the information in question from Childson other than those previously furnished to Atlanta and the Bureau, Charlotte should immediately furnish same to the Bureau and Atlanta. If not, Charlotte should so advise the Bureau and Atlanta.

Recommendation (3) in which you recommend that the Jacksonville authorities be advised that the requested investigation re Griffin is continuing and the results will be furnished as soon as possible.

Jacksonville should so advise the Jacksonville authorities at the time pertinent data re [] is furnished to such authorities.

Airtel to SAC, Atlanta
 Re: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
 JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL

You were previously advised that the requested investigation re Griffin and [] was to receive continuous and preferred attention. While the Bureau is aware of the problems confronting your office in connection with the investigation of the Atlanta bombing, it is essential that you expedite the requested investigation of Griffin so that no criticism will be leveled at the Bureau for delay in the matter. You should furnish Jacksonville with pertinent data concerning Griffin's possible implication in captioned bombings and the Atlanta bombing only. It is absolutely necessary that the inquiries re Griffin receive preferred attention.

Recommendation (4) in which you recommend that Childson be interviewed and questioned specifically re Griffin and []. It is felt that such questioning would undoubtedly expose [] since the information in question was obtained by him through personal conversation with Childson. Accordingly, Miami is instructed not to specifically inquire re Griffin or [] in connection with Childson's forthcoming interview concerning the "Confederate Underground" but to be alert during the interview of Childson to any reference he might make to either which could logically open an avenue to discussion concerning Childson's knowledge of Griffin and Rogers.

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Recommendation (5) in which you recommend that Jacksonville and Miami again consider possibility that the Griffin referred to by Childson may have been [] of Tampa, Florida. In view of [] statement that Childson identified Kenneth Chester Griffin as the individual in question, it would appear that this question has been resolved. If Charlotte has any information bearing on this point not previously furnished to the Bureau and Atlanta, it should be brought to the Bureau's attention and that of interested offices for appropriate consideration.

Recommendation (6) in which you recommend that Frank Gaston be interviewed and questioned concerning his knowledge of captioned bombings and specifically whether [] could have been involved in captioned bombings. Miami should consider the desirability of such an interview in connection with its investigation of the "Confederate Underground" and submit its recommendations in connection with that matter. Since such an interview possibly might expose [] Charlotte should also submit its recommendation re the desirability of conducting such an interview.

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TO : SAC, ATLANTA (100-5755)

DATE: 11/19/58

FROM : SA CHARLES S. HARDING

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 4/28/58
INFORMATION CONCERNING;
INTERNAL SECURITY

On 11/6/58 WEYMAN D. HARRIS, Supervisor of Personnel, Georgia State Department of Revenue, presented the records concerning CHESTER GRIFFIN to the writer which showed GRIFFIN's absences for the year 1958. A review of these records did not reflect GRIFFIN was absent from his job on any day in April, 1958.

On 11/17/58 GRIFFIN was interviewed at the Fulton County Jail by SA CHARLES S. HARDING and Detective JOHN F. INMAN, Atlanta Police Department, concerning his activities on the weekend preceding April 28, 1958. GRIFFIN absolutely refused to discuss this with the officers and the interview was terminated.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)

DATE: 11/14/58

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-444)

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE,
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 4/28/58
INFORMATION CONCERNING;
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Re Atlanta letter to Bureau 11/1/58, concerning possibility of [redacted] and KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN having been involved in these bombings.

The last paragraph of page 7 of Atlanta letter raises the question whether [redacted] originally stated CHILDSOIN stated that the [redacted] and GRIFFIN in attendance at the NSRP convention in Louisville 8/30-31/58 were the ones who participated with CHILDSOIN in the bombing. This informant did make this statement when he first gave this information orally on 9/6/58. This point was gone over with him again on 9/9/58, to make sure there was no misunderstanding. Informant stated that CHILDSOIN (whose name informant had understood was CHILDERS) had made the statement that [redacted] and GRIFFITH (or GRIFFIN) "here from Atlanta" were the ones he was referring to. On 9/23/58 [redacted] picked from a group of photos that of KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN as identical, and that of [redacted] as possibly identical, with individuals by those names attending the convention from Atlanta. He stated these persons were not known to him personally, other than from having met them at the convention.

[redacted] was reinterviewed about this matter on 11/7/58. He stated the conversation on 8/31/58 was in the hotel room of BILL HENDRIX and CHILDSOIN in the Henry Clay Hotel in Louisville on Sunday morning, 8/31/58, with HENDRIX, CHILDSOIN, and himself present. He related at:

- 4 - Bureau (100-135-63) ([redacted]) (RM)
- 2 - Jacksonville (105-64) (RM)
- 4 - Miami (44-895) (105-1189 CKKK) (105-1544 CU) (RM)
- ③ - Atlanta ([redacted]) (100-5755) (62-1670) (RM)
- 2 - Charlotte (44-444)

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this time, as he had related on 9/6/58, that others came into the room later, including [redacted] of Charlotte and [redacted] but were not present when the pertinent statements were made. He stated he had not known CHILDSOON before meeting him on 8/30/58 at the convention in Louisville, and he engaged him in conversation along with BILL HENDRIX on 8/30/58, visiting them in their room 8/31/58. In this connection, he stated he had not actually met BILL HENDRIX before 8/30/58 at this convention, but was able to engage him in extended conversation because of their mutual acquaintance with FRANK GASTON of Tampa, Florida, and HENDRIX told him that FRANK GASTON had told him about [redacted] CHILDSOON at the time of meeting informant 8/30/58 also indicated he knew of [redacted] from hearing FRANK GASTON or HENDRIX speak of him. Since that time [redacted] has furnished correspondence he has received from HENDRIX, including membership cards in the KNIGHT OF THE WHITE CAMELLIA, and in the SOUTHERN KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

Atlanta on page 9 of its letter expresses doubt that CHILDSOON would have made such statements to [redacted] on short acquaintance. The nearest way Charlotte knows to judge this is by what CHILDSOON has done since that time. As pointed out in CE airtel 10/1/58 to Bureau, CE by airtels of 9/15/58 and 9/25/58, entitled "CONFEDERATE UNDERGROUND, IS - X", Bufile 105-70219, sent to the Bureau copies of considerable material received by this informant, bearing the signature and return address of CHILDSOON. This included information on the setup of the "Confederate Underground", and an appointment as a high officer, as well as a request for nomination of others as high officers. In addition, CE by letter of 11/5/58 in the "Confederate Underground" case sent the Bureau the original of a handwritten letter postmarked St. Petersburg, Fla. in response to one he had written CHILDSOON. From this it appears that informant did win the confidence of CHILDSOON during their conversations at Louisville.

So far as is known to Charlotte, it has not been suggested that [redacted] "faked" this written material, which includes printed letterheads of the CONFEDERATE UNDERGROUND and of the CONFEDERATE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

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On 10/24/58, he was requested to again produce the originals and turn them over to this office, in accordance with request in Atlanta teletype 10/22/58. He made a special trip to produce them that day; if he had any reason to be dubious of their authenticity it would have been simple to say they had been lost or destroyed.

These originals were sent to the Laboratory 10/28/58. Laboratory report of 11/5/58 in Bufile 62-105023, "WALLACE HUGH ALLEN, et al, etc., INFO CONCERNING," reflects the typewriting and signatures on material furnished by CE are similar to those on autostats furnished by Indianapolis, but the Indianapolis autostats are not clear enough for positive conclusion. CE airtel of 10/28/58 in that case requested Indianapolis to furnish the original material if possible. Miami by airtel 10/31/58 states it will submit the originals of material received by a PSI from CHILDSO for Lab examination. In addition, Miami and Knoxville are making efforts to locate typewriters used by CHILDSO. It is not known to CE whether letterheads of the CONFEDERATE UNDERGROUND and of the CONFEDERATE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN have been found in possession of CHILDSO, or in a place under his control. If such can be found and examined, it should also help in resolving any doubt which might be raised as to the authenticity of the written material from CHILDSO's return address received by [redacted]

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As substantiation of the time and place of conversation with CHILDSO by [redacted] reference is made to Atlanta airtel to Bureau 10/29/58 entitled "BOMBINGS AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS IN SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES - RACIAL MATTERS", forwarding copies of reports from Mr. ARTHUR LEVIN, ADL, Atlanta, received by their office from an unnamed informant, who is known to CE to be [redacted]. Page 3 of this informant's report dated 9/9/58 concerning the NSRP meeting reflects that on Sunday (8/31/58) morning [redacted] was in the room of BILL HENDRIX together with HAL CHILDSO, when the ADL informant and [redacted] arrived. This ADL informant report on page 2 also states that at the closed meeting of NSRP CHILDSO "seemed to talk at great length on the Confederate Underground being his baby...."

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[redacted] was also reinterviewed on 11/7/58 concerning the information he had furnished 6/18/58 as received 6/15/58 from FRANK GASTON of Tampa, Fla., set out on page 2 of reference Atlanta letter of 11/1/58. He was unable to furnish any information in addition to that previously furnished. He stated he was sure that FRANK GASTON had used the name "ROPER" in referring to a man allegedly involved in the Jacksonville bombings, rather than "ROGERS" as CHILDSOON had done. Informant had engaged in this conversation with FRANK GASTON through his friendship with FRED GASTON, brother of FRANK GASTON. FRED GASTON was also present during this conversation, but did not indicate any knowledge of this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/22/58

FROM : SAC, MIAMI

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL, CLINTON,
TENNESSEE, 10/5/58,
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(MM file 44-932)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
JEWISH TEMPLE, 1589 PEACHTREE ROAD,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, 10/12/58,
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(MM file 44-935)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE, AND JAMES
WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH
JACKSONVILLE, FLA., 4/28/58
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(MM file 44-895)

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
BETH-EL SYNAGOGUE, 21st WAY AND
HIGHLAND AVE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
4/28/58,
INFORMATION CONCERNING

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF HATTIE R. COTTON
SCHOOL, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, 9/10/57,
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/15/58, JOHN T. SAVAGE, Special Agent,
National Board of Fire Underwriters, St. Petersburg, Florida,

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and a former SA, FBI, made the following quoted, self-explanatory letter available to SA JAMES E. WALLACE, at St. Petersburg:

"St. Petersburg, Florida
October 18, 1955

"Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski
Assistant General Manager
The National Board of Fire Underwriters
New York, New York.

Dear Sir: Re: International Minerals &
Chemical Co., Bonnie, Florida
Explosion Loss: 8/29/55-
12:50 a.m.

"Reference is made to my letter of October 2, 1955
to Special Agent Vinson.

"For the information of other offices receiving a copy
of this letter, the captioned insured sustained a
large loss brought about by an explosion which took
place during a strike by the Chemical Workers
Union - AFL at the plants of the Company. An
informant has furnished unverified information
concerning the identity of the union officials
who procured the explosion. However during the
course of the investigation a confidential informant
furnished information concerning HOWARD R. HUDSON

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"whom the informant states has been employed by unions to do explosive work for them. Hudson is presently believed to be in Miami, Florida and told the informant he had a hurry call to do some work for the unions there. Details about his trip to Florida were in referenced letter.

"A photograph of Hudson is enclosed for each office. He is described as born 7/28/15, Lancaster, Ohio; hgt 6'1½"; wgt. 221 lbs.; eyes blue; hair brown; build stout; complexion medium; teeth fair; sister Margie Hudson, 140 West Allen St., Lancaster, Ohio; Mother same address; divorced wife Dorothy Hudson a nurse in Largo, Fla.; FBI # 407868A.

"Hudson served time of seven months in Kilby prison at Montgomery, Ala., being released 6/22/52. He was sentenced from Mobile, Ala., for exploding dynamite under a public bridge. He spent a year in jail at Mobile prior to going to Kilby. His offense was committed in Mobile 8/24/49, but he was not apprehended until April of 1950 in Goldsboro, N. Car. In a written statement he admitted several dynamite jobs for AFL union in Mobile in 1949 for which he was hired. The AFL officials named by him were tried but never convicted.

"A former deputy sheriff knows Hudson and says that he is very talkative when drinking. He is believed to have gotten his demolition experience in the armed forces and according to the deputy is an expert in the use of dynamite. Although a big man he is believed to fear personal violence. He is carrying a .32 automatic

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"pistol and had it with him in Largo, Florida during October. He has been in Charleston, S. Car. and told one informant he had been in Texas.

"Agent Avery at Nashville is requested to ascertain why Chief of Police Martin Stevens requested the photo and prints of Hudson from Kilby prison in January of 1954.

"Agent Payne at Montgomery is requested to contact the Chief of Police at Mobile, Ala., when he is in Mobile for any further information developed on Hudson and Dr. Vann Pruitt at Montgomery for any information he develops about Hudson.

"Agent Vinson at Miami has been previously requested to furnish any information he may obtain about Hudson.

"One informant advised that Hudson said that as soon as he finished his work in Miami he expected to return to the west coast of Florida to work for the union, name unknown, in organizing some companies and might have to resort to violence.

"Contact is being maintained with the informant and any further information developed will be reported.

"Very truly yours,

"John J. Savage
Special Agent"

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SAVAGE advised that investigation by him subsequent to the time of the quoted letter has failed to locate HUDSON or his former wife in the Largo, Florida area.

Inasmuch as the Miami Office has not received any information indicating that HUDSON is implicated in racial matters or violence growing out of such matters, no further action is being taken by the Miami Office, and this information and photographs of HUDSON are being furnished to the various offices having bombing cases for their information and any action they may deem warranted.

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TO SAC ATLANTA

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTYEIGHT, INFO CONCERNING, IS. REURTEL FIRST INSTANT. LATENT FINGERPRINTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN CASE ENTITLED UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF TEMPLE BETH-EL, JEWISH SYNAGOGUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTYEIGHT, LATENT CASE NUMBER ONE FIVE TWO TWO SIX, ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH FINGER IMPRESSIONS OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BIRMINGHAM

AND JACKSONVILLE ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI . ATTENTION SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION, IDENT DIV.
FROM SAC, ATLANTA 1P

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON
HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL TWENTYEIGHT,
FIFTYEIGHT, INFO CONCERNING, IS. IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED
COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF

WITH LATENT FINGERPRINTS

FOUND AT SCENE OF ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF TEMPLE BETHEL,
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTYEIGHT, LATENT CASE
ONE FIVE TWO TWO SIX. SUTEL RESULTS ATLANTA, AIRMAIL COPIES
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ADVISED AIRMAIL.

END ACK PLS

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Date: 11/1/58

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TO DIRECTOR FBI ATTENTION SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION, IDENT DIV.

FROM SAC ATLANTA 1P

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON
HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL TWENTYEIGHT,
FIFTYEIGHT, INFO CONCERNING, IS. IDENT DIVISION REQUESTED
COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF [REDACTED]

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(100-6450)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in ChargeSent 7:19 6:06 PM Per gnd

U. S. GOVERNMENT

DATE: 11/1/58

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5755)

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,
APRIL 28, 1958;
INFORMATION CONCERNING; INTERNAL SECURITY.

ReBuairtel 10/27/58 instructing this office to immediately furnish all pertinent data developed by our inquiries to determine if [redacted] and KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN were involved in captioned bombings at Jacksonville, Florida, for transmittal to the Jacksonville Police Department.

Reference is also made to Miami airtel dated 10/28/58 requesting that Atlanta furnish Miami with summary of investigation to determine if [redacted] could be involved in captioned bombings, for Miami's assistance in evaluating the veracity of HARLEY HANSON CHILDSON.

As the Bureau, Charlotte and Jacksonville are aware, ever since [redacted] raised a cloud of suspicion over the head of [redacted] an approved and productive informant of this office, when he reported on a conversation which he had with one H. H. CHILDERS in Louisville, Kentucky, at the national convention of the National States Rights Party, this office has been endeavoring to prove or disprove the veracity of statements allegedly made by this individual. H. H. CHILDERS, implicating [redacted] and KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN in the Jacksonville bombings.

The Atlanta Office would like to hereafter summarize the complete developments in this matter for analysis by the Bureau and all interested offices, and at the same time make its final recommendation as to what, if any, information, is going to be furnished to the Jacksonville Police Department.

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REPORT BY [REDACTED] RE BILL GRIFFIN
AND [REDACTED] ROPER BEING THE MEN WHO
BLEW UP SCHOOL AND SYNAGOGUE AT JACKSONVILLE

On June 18, 1958, [REDACTED] reported that on June 15, 1958, he was in a conversation with FRANK GASTON, who said he was a detective on the Tampa, Florida, Police Department. GASTON stated he was connected with Klan matters with BILL HENDRIX, and indicated they are strongly against Jews. GASTON stated the men who blew up the school and synagogue at Jacksonville were [REDACTED] and ROPER. He did not further identify them except that ROPER is from Atlanta and [REDACTED] is from Florida. He stated their purpose in doing so was to harm HENDRIX and his organization. GASTON stated [REDACTED] and ROPER are connected with one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated [REDACTED] was picked by the Anti-Defamation League and other Jews to do these things to bring public reaction against "the Klan." GASTON stated he is sure, and so is BILL HENDRIX, that these persons caused these explosions and for the purpose stated, but he did not state the basis for this piece of knowledge. GASTON stated "we" are not going to put the finger on them with the law."

The Charlotte Office in reporting this information pointed out that their informant, [REDACTED] had no knowledge as to whether there was any truth in the statements of GASTON; that these statements were made while GASTON was on a visit in South Carolina. Charlotte pointed out that in view of the doubt as to the reliability of this information it was not being furnished in form suitable for dissemination. In fact, Charlotte recommended that no approach be made to FRANK GASTON about this matter, presumably to protect the identity of [REDACTED]. On the basis of this report by the Charlotte Office, the Bureau by airtel dated June 20, 1958, pointed out that [REDACTED] may be [REDACTED] Tampa," and that ROPER may be LEE ROPER of Atlanta, and that [REDACTED] might be [REDACTED]. Atlanta was instructed to determine the whereabouts of LEE ROPER on April 28, 1958, and to contact [REDACTED] who was then, and still is, an informant of the Atlanta Office, and who was formerly [REDACTED]

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----- Miami was instructed to discreetly ascertain the whereabouts of ----- on April 28, 1958. Jacksonville was instructed to furnish local police information concerning the possibility that ----- and ROPER were responsible for the bombings in Jacksonville on April 28th without identifying GASTON as the source of this information, inasmuch as to do so might implicate -----

By airtel dated June 26, 1958, Atlanta reported that on contact with ----- he advised he had no information regarding the bombings in Jacksonville, Florida, or Birmingham, Alabama. Further that he was not acquainted with LEE ROPER, JR. or LEE ROPER, SR., and that he has never known either one of them to be connected with the Ku Klux Klan, and that he has had no association with them in any capacity. ----- further pointed out that he had recently read in a newspaper where ----- of Tampa, Florida, had testified before a Florida committee regarding Klan activities, and that in his testimony he related that he, ----- was in contact with ----- and an individual known as ----- of East Point, Georgia. ----- advised that to his knowledge ----- of Tampa, Florida, was last in contact with him in 1951 or 1952, at which time ----- contacted ----- regarding ----- own son, who was then in custody of Florida state officials and also had outstanding charges against him in Georgia. ----- contacted ----- to attempt to have these charges in Georgia against his son dismissed. ----- also pointed out that he does not know ----- and has never heard of him.

Since the basis for considering the individual named ----- ROPER as being LEE ROPER was based, in part at least, on the comments by GASTON that ----- and ROPER were connected with ----- of Atlanta, who was formerly ----- no direct effort was made to account for the whereabouts of LEE ROPER on April 28, 1958, since from the comments of ----- who has always been classified as an informant of known reliability, it appeared highly unlikely that LEE ROPER, JR. or LEE ROPER, SR. could be the individual named ----- ROPER referred to by GASTON.

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It might be noted in this connection that the only other ---- ROPER having Klan connections with whom the Atlanta Office is acquainted, is SAM ROPER, who was Imperial Wizard of the Association of Georgia Klans, during the time that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It seems more likely that SAM ROPER is the individual GASTON was referring to, and Atlanta considered that at the time, but because of the fact that SAM ROPER is known to be almost blind, ill, and residing on a farm in Alabama, it appeared highly unlikely to this office that SAM ROPER would be involved in any bombing matters. This possibility cannot perhaps be completely overlooked. While he may not physically have participated in bombing activities, he might have some knowledge of the planning and preparation.

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By airtel dated June 27, 1958, the Miami Office pointed out that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that in view of this it had not been possible to fix his whereabouts on April 28, 1958, through discreet inquiry. The balance of the investigation conducted as reported in Miami airtel certainly does not eliminate [REDACTED] as a logical suspect in the Jacksonville bombings. It is interesting to note, however, that Miami points out in this airtel that FRANK GASTON is a patrolman, not a detective, on the Tampa Police Department, and that he has long been identified as a close associate of BILL HENDRIX of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Miami points out that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that he broke with HENDRIX when HENDRIX announced as a candidate for Governor in 1954. [REDACTED]

"I am old and don't want to spend the rest of my life in prison."

With further reference to [REDACTED] and his break with BILL HENDRIX, the attention of Charlotte, Jacksonville and Miami is called to Charlotte letter to Jacksonville dated May 19, 1958, containing the signed statement of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Copy of this letter is enclosed herewith for the Bureau since there is no indication that the Bureau is in possession of a copy of same. Certainly the information in

this letter reflects the break between [redacted] and BILL HENDRIX. According to this statement [redacted] denounced HENDRIX as a fraud and a fake, and called the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan a group to further HENDRIX's own ambitions. This statement contains information concerning HENDRIX announcing the reorganization of the Confederate Army, which was described as a commando-type organization with violence advocated. Further information set forth in this signed statement clearly shows that HENDRIX not only advocated violence but practiced it. In the opinion of the Atlanta Office BILL HENDRIX is an excellent suspect in any bombing activities in the Southern states.

REPORT BY [redacted] THAT CHILDSOON, [redacted] AND GRIFFITH (OR GRIFFIN) FROM ATLANTA DID THE BOMBINGS IN JACKSONVILLE.

The same informant who furnished the information set forth above, namely [redacted] advised on September 6, 1958, that on August 30 and 31, 1958, one H. H. CHILDERS was in Louisville, Kentucky, at the national convention of the National States Rights Party in company with BILL HENDRIX of Florida. CHILDERS gave his address as 333 43rd Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida. [redacted] reports that in private conversation CHILDERS stated he had been in the U. S. Klans but "after the bombings got out of that organization and into the organization of BILL HENDRIX." CHILDERS made the statement that "he and [redacted] and GRIFFITH (or GRIFFIN) from Atlanta did the bombings in Jacksonville, and after it was done they called a rabbi and said they were the Confederate Underground and were going to do this "some more." This information appears in Charlotte airtel September 8, 1958. That airtel goes on to relate that the informant [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were in Louisville for this convention and were staying at the Henry Clay Hotel; that they were not present when CHILDERS made the statements set out above. Atlanta would like to here point out here two significant things: (1) that H. H. CHILDERS, who is undoubtedly HARLEY HANSON CHILDSOON, attended the National States Rights Party convention in the company of BILL HENDRIX of Florida. Note in this connection that the Tampa patrolman named FRANK GASTON, who was quoted by [redacted] as the source of the information set out above relating to [redacted] and [redacted] ROPER, is also described by the Miami Office as a close associate of

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BILL HENDRIX of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Note also that there was a break between BILL HENDRIX and [redacted]. It seems entirely possible and plausible that FRANK GASTON and HARLEY HANSON CHILDSOON, both close associates of BILL HENDRIX, would, because of the animosity between [redacted] and BILL HENDRIX, pass on erroneous information about [redacted] or any of his associates; (2) It strikes us as peculiar that both of these reports came to the attention of the FBI through the same informant, namely [redacted].

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When this latest information from [redacted] was received by the Bureau, the Bureau immediately instructed by teletype September 12, 1958, that Atlanta determine whether [redacted] whose reliability up to that point had not been questioned, and whose productivity is far above average, was identical with the [redacted] referred to by CHILDSOON, and if in fact he did participate in the bombings. The Bureau instructed Charlotte to reinterview [redacted] for further details. Jacksonville was instructed to furnish a photograph of CHILDSOON to Charlotte for exhibition to the informant. Jacksonville was also instructed to furnish the data in Charlotte airtel reporting this matter to the Jacksonville Police Department officials.

By teletype dated September 12, 1958, the Atlanta Office pointed out that a review of [redacted] informant file disclosed that on April 28, 1958, the date on which the Jacksonville bombings occurred, [redacted] had submitted a report covering a meeting of state officers of the U. S. Klans in Atlanta on Sunday afternoon, April 27, 1958; that [redacted] presence at this meeting was verified by report submitted by [redacted] Atlanta's top Klan informant; that reports submitted on the Klan meeting attended by [redacted] by other Klan informants of this office, when compared with [redacted] report, showed that they were in general agreement as to what transpired at the meeting, which substantially proves that [redacted] did attend the state Klan meeting on April 27, 1958. In this teletype Atlanta suggested that Jacksonville not furnish the information to the Jacksonville Police Department pending further investigation, in order to prevent jeopardizing [redacted] as an informant, pointing out that it did not seem reasonable he could have

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been in Jacksonville at 12:30 A.M. on April 28 last, when the bombing occurred. It was rather interesting that Charlotte, in response to the Bureau teletype, also called attention by teletype dated September 12, 1958, to the possibility that [redacted] might be identical with [redacted] of Tampa, Florida, mentioned in a letterhead memorandum sent with Charlotte letter May 27, 1958, no copy of which was furnished to Atlanta. Charlotte also in the same teletype called attention to Charlotte airtel of June 13, 1958, reflecting that FRANK GASTON had stated [redacted] and one ROPER were responsible for the bombings. By teletype September 13, 1958, Charlotte reported that the informant, when recontacted, stated that "CHILDERS" had stated that the [redacted] and GRIFFIN in attendance at the NSRP meeting in Louisville August 30 and 31, 1958, were the ones who had participated with CHILDERS in the bombings; further that CHILDERS had said "they are now on the outs with him (CHILDERS) because he had left their organization and gone over to BILL HENDRIX." There is nothing presently known to the Atlanta Office concerning the background of [redacted] or KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN which would indicate that they are "on the outs" with CHILDSON because he, CHILDSON had left their organization and gone over to BILL HENDRIX. On the other hand there is information indicating that [redacted] of Tampa, Florida, is on the outs with BILL HENDRIX. Atlanta does not know whether [redacted] is also on the outs with CHILDSON, but presumably Miami or Jacksonville would know such information. The information available to us does indicate that CHILDSON and HENDRIX are close associates, and it would appear that if [redacted] was on the outs with HENDRIX, then so is CHILDSON.

Atlanta attaches considerable significance to the fact that the original airtel from Charlotte, where [redacted] discussed a private conversation with CHILDERS where all this came up, does not attribute to CHILDERS any statement that the [redacted] and GRIFFIN who were in attendance at the NSRP meeting in Louisville on August 30 and 31, 1958, were the ones who participated with CHILDERS in the bombing. It is noted that the informant originally simply called attention to the fact that one --- [redacted] and one --- GRIFFITH (or GRIFFIN) were in Louisville for this convention. Certainly [redacted] and KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN were in Louisville for that convention. The Atlanta Office sent [redacted] to that convention, and approved of [redacted]

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taking KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN with him to give us additional information resulting from conversation occurring during the ride. It was only after Charlotte went back to [] for more specific details that the informant suddenly attributes to "H. H. CHILDERS" the statement that the [] and GRIFFIN who were in attendance at the NSRP convention in Louisville were the ones who had participated with CHILDERS in the bombings.

On the basis of this information the Bureau instructed Atlanta to forward copy of photographs of [] and KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN to Charlotte for exhibition to [] to determine whether the informant could positively identify them as the individuals referred to by CHILDERS. Atlanta did so by airtel dated September 16, 1958. By radiogram September 24, 1958, Charlotte advised that [] had "picked out the photograph of KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN as the GRIFFIN from Atlanta who attended the National States Rights Party meeting and referred to by H. H. CHILDSON, that he picked out the photograph of [] as possibly identical with the [] who accompanied GRIFFIN but stated he did not see as much of this person and cannot be sure. Unless the man referred to by [] as CHILDERS, who everybody I feel is in agreement actually was H. H. CHILDSON, in connection with the private conversation had with [] specifically pointed out to [] and KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN as the persons he was referring to, or specifically made some mention that he had seen them at the meeting, I frankly do not see how [] could make the statement that "CHILDERS stated the [] and GRIFFIN in attendance at the NSRP meeting in Louisville on August 30 and 31, 1958, were the ones who had participated with CHILDERS in the bombings."

It is obvious that (1) [] does not personally know HARLEY HANSON CHILDSON since he in the beginning referred to him as CHILDERS; (2) he does not know personally KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN; and (3) he obviously does not know [] since he could not even pick a photograph of him with any degree of positiveness.

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With this in mind the Atlanta Office by teletype dated September 24, 1958, suggested that HARLEY HANSON CHILDSOON himself be interviewed since he apparently made the original allegations against our informant, instead of taking second-hand information. Atlanta pointed out that in making this suggestion it might jeopardize the identity of the Charlotte informant, but that there appeared no other logical way to prove or disprove the allegations. Charlotte by radiogram September 25, 1958, recommended against interviewing HARLEY HANSON CHILDSOON as they did not believe it would accomplish the purpose desired, indicating that CHILDSOON would undoubtedly deny the participation of himself and others in the bombings, or having made a statement to that effect, and further that such questioning would expose [redacted]. It is agreed by this office that CHILDSOON probably would deny participation of himself and others in the bombings, or having made statements to that effect if questioned. This office goes further, and feels that he would not have made such statements to [redacted] unless he knew him personally, and there is every indication that [redacted] was not known personally to CHILDSOON. Charlotte suggested that Atlanta question [redacted] as to his whereabouts on April 28, 1958, and then verify same.

The Bureau by airtel September 25, 1958, pointed out that since the distance between Atlanta and Jacksonville is approximately 325 miles, it was possible that, if actually involved, [redacted] could have traveled from Atlanta to Jacksonville in time to participate in the bombings, which occurred at approximately 12:30 A.M. on April 28, 1958. Atlanta was instructed to submit its recommendations regarding interviewing [redacted] to determine his exact whereabouts on the evening of April 27, 1958. Before these instructions were received from the Bureau the Atlanta Office had already interviewed [redacted] and without accusing him of being involved in the bombings and without confronting him with the information attributed to CHILDSOON, had questioned him in detail about his whereabouts on that particular night. [redacted] stated that after attending the state meeting of the U. S. Klans in Atlanta on the afternoon of April 27, 1958, which other informants agree was over about 4:30 P.M., he left the meeting and proceeded to a Walthall Street location where a house was occupied by a Negro and was being picketed by members of the Klan and others, but due to the passage of time he could

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not recall how long he was at this location that particular night. He feels, however, he left this area some time during the evening. He also pointed out that after attending meetings it was customary for him to go by his own office and prepare typewritten reports for the Atlanta Office; that it was then his custom [redacted]

[redacted] He indicated that after checking on his employees he usually goes home, and he had every reason to believe this was his procedure on the night of April 27, 1958, and the only possible variation would have been that his report for the Atlanta Office was prepared at home rather than at his office. A voluminous number of reports submitted by [redacted] over the past year certainly confirm the fact that he normally does type them the night he gets the information, and they are in our hands normally the following day. In Atlanta airtel September 26, 1958, reporting results of this interview with the informant, this office indicated it felt consideration should be given to other information furnished by [redacted] and whether or not that informant had furnished any sensational type information in the past which could not be verified. In response thereto Charlotte by airtel October 1, 1958, reported that [redacted] had furnished a great deal of information concerning the Klan and related matters over a period of almost two years, most of which had been verified through other sources. Further that he has not furnished "sensational" type information which has not been at least partially verified through other sources. Charlotte also pointed out in this airtel that [redacted] on September 10, 1958, had reported CHILDSON as stating that the Confederate Underground had organizations in some thirty states, which the Miami informant considered a gross exaggeration. Further that CHILDSON also stated he had shown "those people" in Nashville how to use dynamite in connection with the bombings in Nashville. Charlotte commented that it appeared CHILDSON was given to making rash statements about his alleged activities.

By airtel dated October 2, 1958, Miami furnished for the first time the contents of the report of [redacted] which apparently is the report of that informant relating to the conversation which brought this issue up in the first place. This airtel is in possession of the Bureau and all offices and is not being completely restated here. Suffice it to say that nowhere in this written report of the informant does he say that CHILDERS "stated the [redacted] and GRIFFIN in attendance at the

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"National States Rights Party meeting in Louisville August 30 and 31, 1958, were the ones who had participated with CHILDERS in the bombings." The exact contents of the informant's written report in this respect are as follows: "CHILDERS made the statement that he was in the Confederate Underground, and that they call Jews on the telephone and scare them. He said that he and ---- [redacted] and ---- GRIFFITH (or GRIFFIN) of Atlanta had done the bombings in Jacksonville, Florida, and that after it was done they called a rabbi and said they were the Confederate Underground and they were going to do some more bombing." It is noted that the last sentence in the informant's written report is, "It is not known whether CHILDERS was telling the truth or just bragging."

In this Miami airtel of October 2, 1958, Miami requested Atlanta to determine if KENNETH C. GRIFFIN and [redacted] were involved in captioned bombing. The Bureau in response by airtel dated October 3, 1958, instructed that in the absence of a specific request from the Jacksonville Police Department, no inquiry should be conducted by Atlanta to determine if GRIFFIN could be involved in captioned bombings. It was pointed out to Miami that Atlanta had been instructed to determine if [redacted] could have been involved, such inquiries being solely for the purpose of determining whether Atlanta should continue to use [redacted] as an informant.

On October 14, 1958, Jacksonville reported that they had furnished the pertinent information received from [redacted] implicating CHILDSON, [redacted] and GRIFFIN in captioned bombings to Jacksonville Police Department, and the fact that Chief of Police H. V. BRANCH had requested the Bureau's cooperation in determining the possible implication of GRIFFIN, [redacted] and CHILDSON in the Jacksonville bombing; that BRANCH desired that the Bureau conduct the investigation, or was agreeable to it being done by the Atlanta Police Department insofar as GRIFFIN and [redacted] were concerned.

By teletype October 14, 1958, the Bureau instructed Atlanta to furnish Jacksonville available data concerning the statement made by KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN to the Atlanta Police Department concerning the bombing of the Jewish Temple in Atlanta on October 12, 1958, for transmittal to the

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Jacksonville Police Department. The Bureau and receiving offices are requested to recall that beginning October 12, 1958, when the bombing of The Temple occurred here, the manpower of this office has been devoted exclusively to that case, with little or no opportunity to handle anything else. A copy of the statement of KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN is attached hereto for Jacksonville. This office strongly questions the advisability of furnishing this copy of GRIFFIN's statement to the Jacksonville Police Department. In the first place it is a statement obtained by the Atlanta Police Department. It is their property. It will be used in evidence in the Atlanta bombing case. If the Jacksonville Police Department wants a copy of it it is suggested they get it directly from the Atlanta Police Department. It is true the statement in part was published in the Atlanta newspapers, but not in accurate detail, and the name of KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN as the person who gave that statement was not released to the press. This office does not feel that we should place ourselves in the position of giving this statement to the Jacksonville Police Department where it might get into other hands, particularly press hands, and subject this office to criticism. It is noted that at the hearing held in Atlanta re permitting bond for the persons indicted in the Atlanta Temple bombing case, the press tried their level best to get a copy of the statement so that they could publish it word for word, without success.

Bureau teletype dated October 14, 1958, also instructed Atlanta to immediately conduct appropriate investigation requested by the Jacksonville Police Department to determine if KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN was involved in the bombings at Jacksonville, Florida. Attention is again called to the fact that on October 14, 1958, when these instructions were received the headquarters personnel of this office was engaged exclusively in working on the case involving the bombing of The Temple in Atlanta. Developments in that case were occurring with rapidity. We were much more concerned with developing the whereabouts of GRIFFIN on the weekends of October 4-5 (the Clinton bombing) and October 11-12 (the Atlanta bombing) in which the Bureau has a direct interest, than we were in trying to develop information with respect to where GRIFFIN was on April 28, 1958. As a consequence, it has only been during the last week that we have brought the weekend of April 28, 1958, into the scope of the intensified background being conducted by a team of agents on KENNETH

CHESTER GRIFFIN. Therefore, we are not in a position as yet to tell the Jacksonville Police Department the results of our inquiries with respect to KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN's whereabouts on April 28, 1958. This information will be furnished as soon as possible.

Bureau teletype of October 14, 1958, also instructed Atlanta to furnish Jacksonville the results of the interview of [] by Bureau agents and officers of the Atlanta Police Department for transmittal to the Jacksonville Police Department. At the time these instructions were received developments were breaking so fast with respect to [] position in the Atlanta bombing case and his position with respect to continuing as an informant, that we have not furnished Jacksonville with this information, and frankly do not feel that it should be furnished to the Jacksonville Police Department, since obviously this interview with [] in the presence of the Atlanta police officers was conducted under unusual circumstances, [] still then being in an informant status and at that time not seriously suspected by the Klan. At that time we were still hoping to be able to keep him as a Klan informant.

For the further information of the Bureau and all offices involved, the Atlanta Office by teletype to the Bureau dated October 22, 1958, in connection with the case entitled, "WALLACE HUGH ALLEN, ET AL, Bombing of The Temple, 1589 Peachtree Road, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, October 12, 1958; INFORMATION CONCERNING," advised the Bureau among other things further details with respect to the whereabouts of [] on April 28, 1958, the date of the Jacksonville bombings. In substance Atlanta advised that [] covered a state meeting of the U. S. Klans on the afternoon of April 27, 1958, covered a racial picketing incident in Atlanta after that meeting, and submitted typewritten reports Monday morning, April 28, 1958. Further that [] had been interviewed on several occasions and apparently made a sincere effort to find some record which would help him prove his presence in Atlanta at the time of the Jacksonville bombings. On October 21, 1958, [] when

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interviewed stated he had never been in Jacksonville, Florida, and the closest he had ever been was a recent trip for the Bureau on Klan business to Statenville, Georgia, and a vacation trip with his wife to Waycross, Georgia, some time ago. On October 22, 1958, when interviewed [redacted] recalled that during the early morning hours, the time being determined through files of the Atlanta Office, on April 25, 1958, he received a telephone call from his foreman that they could not [redacted]

[redacted] His records reflected that Friday night, April 25, 1958, was [redacted] and it was, therefore, necessary for him to be at various jobs until the early morning hours of Saturday, April 26, 1958. He stated he recalled on Saturday night, April 26, he observed the picketing of a Negro house in the vicinity of Wiley and Walthall Streets in Atlanta and obtained information to furnish to the Atlanta Office. He then covered the state Klan meeting on Sunday afternoon, returned to the picketing area after that meeting, and prior to Monday morning, April 28, 1958, he prepared written reports and delivered them to the agent handling him on the morning of April 28, 1958. [redacted] does not know whether he prepared his reports at home or at his downtown office, but due to fatigue as a result of his activities over the previous days he is certain he went home and went to bed at the earliest possible moment. He repeated that he had never been to Jacksonville and suggested he be afforded a polygraph test to test the veracity of his statements.

He pointed out that he had volunteered to aid the FBI out of respect for the Bureau and had done his utmost to report complete facts accurately. He pointed out that by the recent questioning he felt he was not trusted by the Bureau, and although he had done all he could to assist the Bureau it worried him that his services were questioned.

[redacted] was afforded a polygraph examination by FBI Laboratory Expert, SA JOSEPH L. GORMLEY, on the night of October 21, 1958, who reported that [redacted] cooperated during the polygraph test but because of physical type and build was not a good subject for polygraph examination; that nothing was observed to suggest deception by him in response to

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questions asked during the test. The Atlanta Office pointed out it felt it had done everything possible to determine whether [] was involved in any bombings, including a specific interview with him as instructed by the Bureau where he was confronted with the allegations. [] commented that if he had been accused of bombing he had probably come closer to obtaining valuable information than he had realized.

As a result of [] name appearing in the statement furnished to the Atlanta Police Department by KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN in connection with the investigation of the Atlanta Temple bombing, and comments made therein to the effect that [] was suspected of being [] further value as an informant on National States Rights Party activities was ruined. It was hopeful for a while that we could keep him active as a Klan informant because []

However, on the evening of [] [] was invited to the office of E. L. EDWARDS, which is a small office in the back of his residence. Present were R. L. DAVIDSON, JR., State Grand Dragon, [] and IRA J. DeBOLT, Great Titan of Province #1, which includes the Atlanta area. EDWARDS told [] he had heard bad things about him, specifically []

EDWARDS referred to papers picked up in the search of BILLY RAY BRANHAM's house by the Atlanta Police Department after picketing activities of the National States Rights Party on July 27, 1958. EDWARDS asked [] for his Klan membership card, which [] refused purposely in an effort to engage EDWARDS in a discussion to determine what he might say under pressure, and whether EDWARDS himself would bring out that he had initially told []

[] comments that he is certain EDWARDS was still guessing about his, [] activities, and that EDWARDS commented he was still investigating. EDWARDS became angry and told [] that he, [] was banished from the Klan for life. [] states he called his hand on this and pointed

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out to EDWARDS his obligation to run the order according to the provisions of the by-laws, etc. [] in this connection was referring to by-laws entitling him to a trial. [] states he told EDWARDS he would certainly demand a trial and absolute proof of EDWARDS' charges; that he told EDWARDS in no uncertain terms about his, EDWARDS' claims of upholding law and order and the good things. One of the men present suggested [] apologize to EDWARDS and shake hands with him, which [] did. After this short meeting was over DAVIDSON accompanied [] to [] home, where [] gave him his membership card in the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. As it stands now [] is in a suspended status.

For the information of the Bureau and all offices, [] states that he will not ask for a trial unless some useful purpose would be served. This office feels that no useful purpose would be served in suggesting to [] that he request a trial, because regardless of what the outcome of that trial might be it is felt by this office that he could never overcome the suspicion of other Klan members. As a consequence we have lost [] as an informant.

His usefulness to this office, however, is not finished. As the Bureau is well aware, in the case entitled "WALLACE HUGH ALLEN, ET AL, Bombing of The Temple, 1539 Peachtree Road, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, October 12, 1958; INFORMATION CONCERNING," the only evidence in the possession of the Atlanta police and this office against the subjects who were indicted by the Fulton County Grand Jury is circumstantial in nature. The use of [] as a witness in any trial that might occur in this case would strengthen the case immeasurably. In fact, [] testimony might be the deciding factor. We have talked with [] as to his willingness to testify and his attitude has been excellent. Despite the fact that he has been suspected by the Bureau of involvement in the Jacksonville bombings, and despite the pressure that he has been under in the last two weeks from the Bureau, the Atlanta Police Department, the National States Rights Party, and the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, he is still ready and willing to testify in behalf of the prosecution. It is noted that [] has received threats that his house would be bombed, and certainly he is a target for violence, a fact of which he

is well aware. Despite these factors, when asked whether he would be willing to testify openly, considering all factors involved, his comment was that this country was not built by cowards and that he stood ready and willing to testify in the Atlanta Temple bombing case. This office feels that we can ill afford to jeopardize [redacted] present willingness to testify in the Atlanta Temple bombing case by subjecting him to further accusations and possibly interview by the Jacksonville Police Department and officers from other departments throughout the South who are interested in bombing investigations, by at this point informing the Jacksonville Police Department that [redacted] is and has been an active informant of this office. I see no way that we can tell the Jacksonville Police Department the complete results of our efforts to eliminate [redacted] as a suspect in the Jacksonville bombings without telling them he was our informant. Part of the information that verifies his activities during the pertinent period of the Jacksonville bombings relates to his informant activities for this office. We could tell the Jacksonville Police Department that [redacted] was afforded a polygraph examination which reflected no indication of deception on his part as to his whereabouts and activities during the pertinent period of the Jacksonville bombings, but I am inclined to doubt that this, and this alone, would satisfy the Jacksonville Police Department.

This office feels that it is unfortunate that the Jacksonville Police Department was ever advised of the information furnished by [redacted] which has resulted in the present situation. Not only is it possible that [redacted] may be a primary witness in the Atlanta bombing case, as a result of the trip he made to LaFollette, Tennessee, in connection with the Clinton bombing the possibility does exist that he might be possibly used as a witness in that case. Despite the fact that he is no longer of any use as an informant of this office, and that his name will be openly used in the Atlanta reports on the Atlanta bombing case, we do not feel that his name should be bandied around with other departments. Neither do we feel that we should admit to outside agencies at this point in the game that he was an informant of this office. It is our strong feeling that there should be no revelation of [redacted] informant status until such time as he is actually used as a witness, and if that development never occurs then it is felt that we should never reveal that fact.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Since we are confronted with the necessity of telling the Jacksonville Police Department something about [redacted] it is suggested that the Jacksonville Office be instructed to advise the Jacksonville Police Department as follows:

[redacted] has been interviewed concerning his whereabouts on the evening of April 27, 1958, and the early morning hours of April 28, 1958. He advises that he is

[redacted] states that because of the passage of time he cannot specifically recall what he did on April 27 and April 28, 1958, but he feels confident that he was checking [redacted] on the evening of April 27, 1958, and immediately thereafter went home and went to bed, and was in bed during the early morning hours of April 28, 1958. [redacted] also states that he has never been to Jacksonville, Florida, in his life, and that he does not personally know HARLEY HAMSON CHILDSON. [redacted] was afforded a polygraph examination by an FBI Laboratory expert on the evening of October 21, 1958, who reports that [redacted] cooperated during the polygraph examination, appeared to be at ease, and that nothing was observed by the polygraph examiner to suggest deception by him in response to questions asked during the examination.

The Bureau and Jacksonville will note that the above statements are true. They simply do not refer to the details relating to [redacted] informant activities. Atlanta recognizes that if the above statement is furnished to the Jacksonville Police Department, and it is later brought out in a trial that [redacted] was our informant, the Jacksonville Police Department might raise their eyebrows, but even so the information set forth above to be given to the Jacksonville Police Department is true, and I see no reason why the Jacksonville Police Department is entitled to know that [redacted] was an active informant of this office.

(2) It is recommended that [redacted] of the Charlotte Office be reinterviewed in detail to determine just how he arrived at the statement that "CHILDERS stated the [redacted] and GRIFFIN in attendance at the National States Rights Party

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meeting in Louisville August 30 and 31, 1958, were the ones who had participated with CHILDERS in the bombings." This statement does not appear in the original information related by Charlotte. It does not appear in the written report of the informant. It is felt that the informant should be able to explain how he arrived at this statement. Did CHILDERS (or CHILDSO) point [] and GRIFFIN out to [] Or did he in his conversation say that the [] and GRIFFIN he was talking about were in attendance at the National States Rights Party convention? If the informant states that CHILDSO pointed these men out to him at the convention, how is it that [] is unable to pick out the photograph of [] with any certainty?

[] should be specifically questioned as to whether he personally knows HARLEY HANSON CHILDSO, as to whether he ever saw HARLEY HANSON CHILDSO before the national convention of the NSRP in Louisville, and how he happened to overhear this conversation between HENDRIX and CHILDSO. It is noted his written report dated September 9, 1958, mentions that BILL HENDRIX of Florida and H. H. CHILDERS of St. Petersburg, were talking with another man in the room of HENDRIX in the Henry Clay Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Presumably the other man was the informant, but no such information has ever been furnished to Atlanta. If the informant was the other man then what is the background that resulted in his being in the presence of these two individuals in the first place, since he apparently did not know CHILDSO other than perhaps as a casual first-time acquaintance, since he furnished the name of CHILDERS instead of CHILDSO.

It is also recommended that [] be interviewed thoroughly as to the information he obtained from FRANK GASTON since it strangely seems to relate to the same information he apparently got from CHILDSO.

(3) With respect to telling the Jacksonville Police Department the results of our inquiries concerning KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN's whereabouts on April 28, 1958, it is recommended that the Jacksonville Office simply tell the Jacksonville Police Department that this phase is still under investigation and the results will be furnished as soon as possible.

(4) It is recommended that during the interview of HARLEY HANSON CHILDSO, which has already been scheduled in

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connection with the Confederate Underground investigation, he be questioned specifically as to whether he knows KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN or [redacted]. If he says that he knows [redacted] he should be specifically questioned as to what he knows about [redacted] background, where he met him, and things of this type, to insure that he really does know [redacted] and is not simply trying to put [redacted] in the middle because of the fact that [redacted] is suspected in the Atlanta area of being [redacted]. He should also be questioned as to whether he knows KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN, where he met him, and what he knows about him with respect to his personal background. This office is in possession of enough background on KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN to make some test of the veracity of any statements along these lines that GHILDSON might possibly make.

(5) It is recommended that the Jacksonville and Miami Offices again take under consideration the possibility that the "GRIFFIN" referred to is [redacted] of Tampa, Florida. In conducting investigation with respect to [redacted] an effort should be made to also determine whether he has an associate named ROPER in Atlanta, or in any other state.

(3) It is recommended that FRANK GASTON, patrolman, Tampa Police Department, be interviewed and questioned concerning his knowledge of people possibly involved in the bombings. It is felt that without jeopardizing the identity of [redacted] during the interview of GASTON he could be specifically questioned as to whether he thinks [redacted] of Tampa, Florida, might be involved. It seems to me that he could also be questioned as to whether he knows of anyone in the Klan named ROPER who might be involved.

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TO: SAC, Atlanta (100-5755)

FROM: SAC, Miami (44-895)

**BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 4/28/58
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)**

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re Miami airtel to Bureau 10/2/58 and Bureau
airtel to Miami 10/3/58, both captioned as above.

In order to evaluate HARLEY HANSON CHILDSOON's
veracity, Atlanta is requested to immediately furnish
Miami with a summary of the investigation to determine
if [] could have been involved in instant
bombings.

CHILDSOON in the presence of [] stated
that he, [] and GRIFFITH (or GRIFFIN) subsequently
determined to have been KENNETH GRIFFIN, did the
bombings in Jacksonville.

CHILDSOON has been interviewed 3 times in the
recent past and has denied implication in or knowledge
of instant bombings and the Confederate Underground.

The Bureau has instructed that an extensive
investigation be conducted re CHILDSOON and thereafter
authority be requested to interview him re Confederate
Underground at which time he will be confronted with
the fact it is known he has claimed to be the head of

2 - Atlanta (100-5755) (AM)
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(105-1544 CU)

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the CU and has mailed literature re this organization.

It is anticipated that CHILDSOON will be interviewed in this regard by 10/31/58, therefore this information re [REDACTED] should reach Miami prior to 10/31/58.

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Date: October 27, 1958

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)To: SACs, Atlanta
Jacksonville

✓ From: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
APRIL 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReButel 10-14-58 captioned "Bombing of Jewish Center Synagogue and James Weldon Johnson High School, Both Jacksonville, Florida, April 28, 1958, Information Concerning" and Atlanta tel 10-23-58 captioned "Wallace Hugh Allen, et al., Bombing of the Temple, 1589 Peachtree Road, Northwest, Atlanta, Georgia, October 12, 1958, Information Concerning."

Immediately furnish all pertinent data developed by your inquiries to determine if [redacted] and Griffin involved captioned bombing to Jacksonville for transmittal to Jacksonville Police Department. Jacksonville advise Bureau and interested offices results of contact with Jacksonville Police Department.

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URGENT 10-14-58 3-08 PM EST MLT

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC-S ATLANTA CHARLOTTE AND BIRMINGHAM
FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE 2 P

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BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH
SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLA., APR. TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTYEIGHT, INFO.
CONCERNING DASH IS. REBUAIRTELS OCT. THREE AND THIRTEEN, FIFTYEIGHT.

PERTINENT INFO. RECEIVED FROM

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PLICATING CHILDSON, [REDACTED] AND GRIFFIN IN BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER
SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, APR.

TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTYEIGHT, FURNISHED TO DETECTIVE SERGEANT J. O. CREWS,
NA, JKPD, OCT. SIX, FIFTYEIGHT, AM, JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR
CLINTON, TENN., TO OBTAIN FACTS FIRST HAND RE DYNAMITING THERE. CREWS
REQUESTED NO INVESTIGATION PENDING FURTHER CONSIDERATION UPON HIS RE-
TURN JACKSONVILLE. BUREAU REFERRED TO JACKSONVILLE TEL. OCT. THIRTEEN,
FIFTYEIGHT, ENTITLED BOMBING OF JEWISH TEMPLE, ONE FIVE EIGHT NINE
PEACHTREE ST., N. W., ATLANTA, GA., OCT. TWELVE LAST. IN VIEW OF THIS
END PAGE ONE

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BOMBING, ASST. CHIEF OF POLICE H. V. BRANCH, JACKSONVILLE PD, REQUESTED BUREAU COOPERATION IN DETERMINING POSSIBILITY OF INVOLVEMENT OF GRIFFIN, [REDACTED] AND CHILDSOIN IN JACKSONVILLE BOMBING. BRANCH DESIRES EITHER BUREAU CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OR AGREEABLE TO ITS BEING DONE BY ATLANTA PD INSOFAR AS GRIFFIN AND [REDACTED] ARE CONCERNED. DETECTIVE SGT. J. O. CREWS, NA, PRESENTLY IN ATLANTA, GA., WITH DEPUTY SHERIFF MARVIN HAYES, NA, DUVAL CO. SO, AT REQUEST OF ATLANTA PD, TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION THERE.

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TO SACS, JACKSONVILLE AND ATLANTA

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON
HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL TWO EIGHT,
ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, INFORMATION CONCERNING. RE JACKSONVILLE
TEL OCTOBER ONE THREE, ONE NINE FIVE EIGHT, CAPTIONED QUOTE
BOMBING OF THE JEWISH TEMPLE, ONE FIVE EIGHT NINE PEACHTREE
STREET, N. W., ATLANTA, GEORGIA, OCTOBER TWELVE LAST UNQUOTE.

ATLANTA IMMEDIATELY FURNISH JACKSONVILLE AVAILABLE DATA RE

GRIFFIN-S STATEMENT CONCERNING ATLANTA BOMBING AND RESULTS OF FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

INTERVIEW OF BY BUREAU AGENTS AND OFFICERS ATLANTA

POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO JACKSONVILLE POLICE

DEPARTMENT. ATLANTA IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT APPROPRIATE

INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO

DETERMINE IF GRIFFIN AND INVOLVED IN CAPTIONED

BOMBINGS. ESSENTIAL SUCH INVESTIGATION RECEIVE CONTINUOUS

PREFERRED ATTENTION.

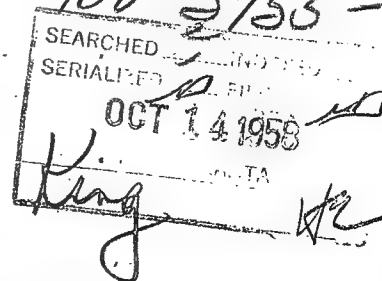
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

To: SAC, Jacksonville (105-64)
Atlanta (100-5755) [redacted]
Charlotte (44-444)
Birmingham

From: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,
APRIL 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

ReBuairtel 10-3-58.

Jacksonville immediately advise Bureau and pertinent
offices of results of contact with Jacksonville Police Department.

Jacksonville is reminded that [redacted] one of
the individuals implicated by Harley Childson in captioned
bombings, is an active informant of the Atlanta Office and
Jacksonville should promptly advise Atlanta of any information
indicating that agents of a police agency plan to contact [redacted]
in this matter.

Atlanta suairtel status of its efforts to resolve the
question of [redacted] participation in captioned bombings.
Atlanta should make certain that [redacted] is aware that if he is
contacted by agents of any police agency and divulges his status
as a Bureau informant to such agents, he will be discontinued
by the Bureau as an informant. Atlanta should advise [redacted]
that he will personally have to decide whether or not to divulge
his status as a Bureau informant but that he must answer
questions of such law enforcement agents truthfully.

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October 3, 1958

Airtel

To: SAC, Miami (44-895)(105-1189)(100-11349)

From: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Reurairtel 10-2-58 and reBuairtel 10-3-58.

Re Miami airtel reflects that Miami will resume its efforts to determine if Childson involved in captioned bombings and requests Atlanta to initiate investigation to determine if Kenneth Griffin and [redacted] were involved in captioned bombings.

Miami should conduct no inquiries to determine if Childson was involved in captioned bombings since captioned bombings are not within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau and such inquiries might result in criticism of the Bureau by local authorities. Miami's attention is directed to the fact that discreet inquiries previously conducted by Miami to determine if Childson could have been involved in these bombings were conducted in connection with investigation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

For the information of Miami, reBuairtel instructed Jacksonville to furnish pertinent data received from [redacted] implicating Childson, [redacted] and Griffin in captioned bombings to appropriate officials of the Jacksonville Police Department. In keeping with the Bureau's policy of handling specific out-of-state leads for local law enforcement agencies in matters

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- 1 - Charlotte (44-444) (Information)
- 1 - Knoxville (105-233) (Information)
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Airtel to SAC, Miami (44-895) (105-1189) (100-11349)
RE: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL
100-135-63

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of this type, the Bureau will, if the Jacksonville Police Department specifically so requests, conduct inquiries to determine the whereabouts of [redacted] and Kenneth Griffin on 4-27-58 and 4-28-58. Since investigation regarding Childson would not be out of state, the Bureau will not, in the absence of compelling reasons to the contrary, conduct any inquiries for the Jacksonville Police Department concerning Childson. If compelling reasons exist for the Bureau to conduct such investigation, the matter should be referred expeditiously to the Bureau for a decision.

For the additional information of Miami, [redacted] is an active informant of the Atlanta Office. In view of his status as an informant and in order to determine if he should be so utilized in the future, Atlanta has been instructed to determine if [redacted] could have been involved in captioned bombings. Such inquiries by Atlanta are solely for the purpose of determining whether Atlanta should continue to utilize [redacted] as an informant. In the absence of a specific request from the Jacksonville Police Department, no inquiries should be conducted by Atlanta to determine if Griffin could have been involved in captioned bombings.

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To: SAC, Jacksonville (105-64)
Atlanta (100-5755) (134-190A)
Charlotte (44-444)
Birmingham

From: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,
APRIL 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re Charlotte airtel 9-8-58 and Bureau and Atlanta
airtele both dated 9-26-58.

Jacksonville should furnish pertinent data contained
in re Charlotte airtel to appropriate officials of the
Jacksonville Police Department. This information should be
furnished in such a manner as to fully protect the informant.
If Jacksonville Police Department requests the Bureau to
determine the whereabouts of Griffin and [redacted] on 4-27-58 and
4-28-58, Jacksonville should set such leads out by teletype.
It is essential that such investigation be afforded continuous
and preferred attention. Jacksonville should advise the Bureau
and interested offices promptly of the results of its contact
with the Jacksonville Police Department.

Atlanta should continue its efforts to resolve the
question of [redacted] participation in captioned bombings.
It is mandatory that the question of [redacted] possible partici-
pation be positively resolved and that the matter receive
continuous preferred and expeditious handling.

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Via _____

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-895)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re Jacksonville airtel captioned as above, dated
9/25/58.

The report of [] mentioned page one, paragraph
3 of referenced airtel is quoted as follows:

"September 9, 1958

"On Sunday morning, August 31, 1958, BILL
HENDRIX of Florida and H. H. CHILDERS of
St. Petersburg, Florida, were talking with
another man in the room of HENDRIX, Room 813, in
the Henry Clay Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.

"CHILDERS made the statement that he was in the
Confederate Underground, and that they call Jews
on the telephone and scare them. He said that he
and---- [] and ----GRIFFITH (or GRIFFIN) of
Atlanta had done the bombings in Jacksonville,
Florida, and that after it was done they called

- 3 - Bureau (RM) (AM)
- ② - Atlanta (100-5755) (RM) (AM)
- 1 - Charlotte (44-444) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (105-233) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (105-64) (Info) (RM)
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"a rabbi and said they were the Confederate Underground and they were going to do some more bombing.

"CHILDERS said he is not doing any bombing or violence now, but said he and some others are still making phone calls under the name of the Confederate Underground, to scare Jews, because they want to get all Jews out of Florida. He said that whenever the newspapers show some Jew was killed in an accident, they call some Jews on the telephone and say they are the Confederate Underground and that they caused the accident.

"HENDRIX made the statement that using violence was not the way to fight integration. He said he got CHILDERS out of the U. S. Klans because the violence that was going on in Jacksonville was turning the public against the Klan and going to wreck 'the Klan.' He said he did not object to CHILDERS making the threatening phone calls he is talking about making at this time, so long as actual violence is not used.

"It is not known whether CHILDERS was telling the truth or just bragging."

Identity of informant must be carefully protected and info paraphrased if used in a report.

In view of information furnished by [redacted] Miami is continuing its efforts to determine if CHILDSO involved in captioned bombings.

MM 44-895

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Atlanta should immediately initiate investigation, in line with current Bureau instructions re investigations involving bombings, to determine if KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN and [REDACTED] both of Atlanta, were involved in captioned bombings.

Bureau's attention directed to fact FBI Laboratory concluded fingerprints of HARLEY HANSON CHILDSON, FBI #1589173, not identical with latent fingerprints of value secured in investigation of bombing of Temple Beth-El Synagogue, Birmingham, Ala., 4/28/58.

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Date: 10-1-58

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-444)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 4-28-58
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 9-26-58.

[redacted] has furnished a great deal of information concerning Klan and related matters over a period of almost two years, most of which has been verified through other sources. He has not furnished "sensational" type information which has not been at least partially verified through other sources.

Concerning the statement by CHILDSOON to the effect that [redacted] and GRIFFITH were involved in bombings at Jacksonville, attention is being invited to Miami airtel 9-24-58, to Bureau in case entitled "CONFEDERATE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, aka Confederate Underground, IS - KLAN," Bufile 105-54365. This reflects info from [redacted] to the effect that on 9-10-58, CHILDSOON stated "his" Confederate Underground has organizations

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in some 30 states, which the informant considered a gross exaggeration. CHILDSOON also stated, according to this informant, that he had shown "those people" in Nashville how to use dynamite in connection with the bombing in Nashville (dates not shown.) From this it appears CHILDSOON is given to making rash statements about his alleged activities. //

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Attention is also invited to CE airtels to Bureau of 9-15-58, and 9-25-58, entitled "CONFEDERATE UNDERGROUND, IS - X," Bufile 105-70219. These reflect that CHILDSOON, without solicitation by [redacted] has sent this informant considerable information concerning the alleged "Confederate Underground," including an appointment as a high officer. The notation at the bottom of the communication of 9-14-58, copy of which was included with myairtel of 9-25-58, indicates CHILDSOON is willing to appoint persons to high office in this organization upon a mere recommendation. //

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9/30/58

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5755)

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,
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Remytel 9-26-58 and Buairtel 9-26-58.

As set forth in remytel, [redacted] has been interviewed. However, he has not been confronted with the allegation that he committed instant bombing, nor does this office intend to do so UACB as it is not believed it would serve any purpose.

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- 1 - Jacksonville (105-64)(RM)
- ① - Atlanta (100-5755)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)

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SAC, JACKSONVILLE (105-64)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958,
INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS

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Reference is made to previous communications from the Charlotte Office concerning information furnished by [redacted] relating to information received from one H. H. CHILDERS (now identified by informant as being identical with HARLEY HANSON CHILDSO, who is presently residing in St. Petersburg, Florida).

Miami and Charlotte are reminded that the residence of CHILDSO in Florida is covered by the Miami Office and copies of all communications concerning CHILDSO should be furnished to Miami.

Miami is referred to informant report of [redacted] dated 9/9/58 furnished to SA JAMES M. UNDERHILL of Charlotte concerning statements of H. H. CHILDERS, St. Petersburg, Florida, re Confederate Underground and Bombings at Jacksonville, Florida, copy of which was furnished to the Miami Office within the past few days.

Charlotte informant has identified a photograph of one KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN of Atlanta as being one of the two persons who reportedly was mentioned by CHILDSO as having participated with him in two bombings. This informant possibly identified photograph of one [redacted] of Atlanta as being a person who accompanied KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN to the National States Rights Party meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 30 and 31, 1958.

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It is noted that Miami teletype to the Bureau dated 8/29/58 entitled, "KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, aka., IS - KLAN," points out that HARLEY HANSON CHILDSOON, BILL HENDRIX and JOHN HAMILTON departed St. Petersburg, Florida, on the evening of 8/28/58 for Nashville, Tennessee, to pickup JOHN KASPER and then proceed to the Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky. This teletype also points out that CHILDSOON reportedly is head of a Klan group in St. Petersburg, probably the "Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Miami letter to the Bureau dated 6/19/58, in the file, "KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, aka., IS - KLAN," also furnished results of its investigation to determine whereabouts of CHILDSOON on 3/16/58 and 4/28/58, dates of dynamitings in Miami and Jacksonville. Efforts of Miami to determine exact whereabouts could not definitely eliminate CHILDSOON from the bombings.

Charlotte and Atlanta are again reminded to furnish copies of material relating to CHILDSOON to the Miami Office.

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Date: *September 26, 1958*

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Via *AIRTEL* _____

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To: SACs Atlanta (100-5755)
Charlotte
Jacksonville

From: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

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ReBuairtel 9-25-58, Atlanta teletype 9-24-58 and Charlotte radiogram 9-25-58. Atlanta submit recommendations re interviewing [redacted] as instructed reBuairtel. It is Atlanta's responsibility to immediately resolve question as to whether or not [redacted] involved in captioned bombings and no delay in so doing will be tolerated.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5755)
SUBJECT: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA,
April 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

Re Charlotte radiogram 9/25/58 and Bureau airtel 9/25/58.

Prior to receipt of Bureau airtel, [redacted] was interviewed concerning his activity on Sunday afternoon and evening, 4/27/58.

As the Bureau and other offices have been advised, informant attended a state meeting of the U. S. Klans in Atlanta on the afternoon of 4/27/58, it being agreed by informants present at this meeting that this meeting was over about 4:30 PM.

[redacted] states that he left this meeting and proceeded through the Walther Street location where a house was occupied by a Negro and was being picketed by members of the Klan and others, but due to the passage of time he does not recall how long he was at this location on that particular night. He feels, however, that he left the Walther Street area during the evening.

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2 - Atlanta (100-5755) [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that after attending meetings for this office it is customary for him to go by his own office and prepare typewritten reports on the meetings covered. It is then his custom to check on his employees [redacted]

[redacted] stated that after checking on his employees and talking with his foreman he usually goes home. He stated that he has every reason to believe this is the procedure followed on the night of 4/27/58, and the only possible variation would be that his report for the Atlanta Office was prepared at home rather than at his own office.

As the Bureau and other offices have been advised previously, a typewritten report covering the Klan State Meeting as well as the coverage of the racial situation was delivered to SA HENRY E. KING on the morning of 4/28/58. Of course, this office has no way of proving that [redacted] went home on the night of 4/27/58, however, it would appear that he had a rather full schedule to cover the two assignments mentioned above, prepare his report, and have them ready by the following morning.

This informant has furnished a tremendous volume of information concerning the U. S. Klans and other type organizations, almost all of which has been verified through other informants or by documents furnished by them. Informant's background investigation was good and he appeared to have a religious background and outlook on life. He appears most anti-Klan and related organizations, and spends much of his time in cooperating with the Bureau. [redacted]

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AT 100-5755

In March 1958, [] contacted [] and told him of a young man by the name of [] who had come to Atlanta because he had been involved in integration matters in Louisville, Kentucky. [] asked [] to aid [] in securing employment. [] in talking with [] learned of the United White Party, which later became the National States Rights Party, and upon advising this office of the situation, [] was asked to join the National States Rights Party. He attended meetings regularly along with covering his Klan assignments, and in addition, covered assignments in connection with related left-wing type organizations.

[] attended the convention of the National States Rights Party in Louisville, Kentucky, at the suggestion of the Atlanta Office. A detailed report has been made covering this convention, it being noted that there was many people of related thought present, but according to [] those present did not seem to trust each other.

The first information received by this office indicating that a person by the name of CHILDERS or CHILDSON was present at the convention was that contained in Charlotte airtel of 9/8/58 as furnished by [] who stated that one H. H. CHILDERS was present. It certainly would therefore appear that [] was not a close friend or even acquainted with CHILDSON.

It is believed that it should be taken into consideration the fact that CHILDERS or CHILDSON confessed to [] a stranger, that he, [], and GRIFFIN or GRIFFITH had committed the offense of bombing the Jewish Center. It is even more remarkable that this stranger would confess to another stranger to a crime that could possibly be a capital offense.

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It is felt that consideration should be given to other information furnished by [redacted] and whether or not [redacted] has furnished any sensational type information in the past which could not be verified.

Inasmuch as [redacted] has furnished a tremendous volume of verified information, he is considered reliable by this office.

[redacted] resides in an upper middle-class neighborhood and has at least average standard of living.

There is no way believed possible by this office to determine whether [redacted] was at home with his wife and children on Sunday night, April 27, 1958, after he had completed his Bureau assignments and due to the allegation, again strongly suggests that CHILDSON be interviewed as it is felt this is the only way this matter can be brought to an immediate logical conclusion.

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Date: September 25, 1958

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL _____

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

To: SAC, Atlanta (100-5755)

✓ From: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

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BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958, INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY

ReButel 9/15/58; Atlanta airtel 9/16/58; Charlotte airtel 9/19/58; and Charlotte radiogram 9/24/58.

As you were instructed reButel, the question of [] possible participation in captioned bombings must be positively resolved. To date, your inquiries have indicated [] was in Atlanta until approximately 4:30 P.M., 4/27/58, and his whereabouts on 4/27/58 after that time is not known to your office. Since the distance between Atlanta and Jacksonville is approximately 325 miles, it is possible that if actually involved [] could have traveled from Atlanta to Jacksonville in time to participate in the bombings which occurred at approximately 12:30 A.M., 4/28/58.

You are instructed to submit results of your inquiries to determine [] whereabouts after 4:30 P.M., 4/27/58. In addition, you are instructed to submit your recommendations regarding interviewing [] to determine his exact whereabouts on the evening of 4/27/58.

As you have previously been advised, this matter is of extreme importance and must receive continuous, preferred and expeditious handling. It must be resolved positively so that there can be no doubt whatsoever as to whether [] was or was not involved in captioned bombings.

- 1 - Charlotte (44-444) (Information)
- 1 - Jacksonville (105-64) (Information)
- 1 - Knoxville (105-223) (Information)
- 1 - Miami (Information)

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September 24, 1958

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Jacksonville (105-64)

From: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

BOMBINGS OF JACKSONVILLE JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958, INFORMATION CONCERNING, (INTERNAL SECURITY)

ReATairtel dated September 18, 1958.

Jacksonville furnish pertinent data contained reairtel to Jacksonville Police Department. Furnish in such a manner as to fully protect source of this information. Advise Bureau and Atlanta of results of contact with Jacksonville Police Department.

1 - Atlanta (100-5755) (Information)

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TO : SAC, Atlanta (100-5755)

DATE: 9-24-58

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (44-444)

SUBJECT: BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE
AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL,
BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 4-28-58
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Reurairtel 9-16-58, to Charlotte.

Returned herewith are photographs of [redacted]
and KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN.

2 - Atlanta (100-5755) (Encls. - 2) (RM)
1 - Charlotte (44-444)

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FBI RADIOGRAM

TO: ATLANTA AND BUREAU
FROM: CHARLOTTE

DATE: SEPT 25, 1958

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BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JOHN WELDON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958, INFO CONCERNING IS. RE ATLANTA TEL SEPTEMBER 24. CHARLOTTE RECOMMENDS AGAINST INTERVIEW H. H. CHILDSOON AS NOT BELIEVED IT WOULD ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE DESIRED. CHILDSOON WOULD UNDOUBTDLY DENY PARTICIPATION OF HIMSELF AND OTHERS IN BOMBINGS OR HAVING MADE STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT, AND QUESTIONING RE SUCH STATEMENTS WOULD EXPOSE CE INFORMANT. SUGGEST ATLANTA QUESTION [REDACTED] TO HIS WHEREABOUTS APRIL 28, AND THEN VERIFY SAME. THIS WOULD RESOLVE QUESTION, AND NOT EXPOSE CE INFORMANT, [REDACTED] SO FAR AS KNOWN HAS NO KNOWLEDGE ALLEGATION MADE BY CHILDSOON TO CE INFORMANT. CC RH JK VIA MAIL.

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OPERATOR: RJS

TOR: 4:00PM

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

FBI RADIOGRAM

TO: ATLANTA AND BUREAU
FROM: CHARLOTTE

DATE: SEPT 24, 1958

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BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLA., APRIL 28, 58, INFO CONCERNING-IS. REBUTEL SEPTEMBER 15 AND ATLANTA AIRTEL SEPT 16. ON SEPT 23 ~~7M~~ PHOTOS OF KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN, ATLANTA PD NO. 186300, AND [] EXHIBITED TO [] IN GROUP ~~TOGETHER~~ OF OTHER PHOTOS. INFORMANT PICKED OUT PHOTO OF GRIFFIN AS GRIFFIN FROM ATLANTA WHO ATTENDED NRRP MEETING AUGUST 30 AND 31 LAST, AND REFERRED TO BY H. H. CHILDSOON. PICKED OUT PHOTO OF [] AS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH [] WHO ACCOMPANIED GRIFFIN, BUT STATES DID NOT SEE AS MUCH OF THIS PERSON AND CANNOT BE SURE. COPIES MAILED JACKSONVILLE AND BIRMINGHAM.

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CODE WORK: RJS

OPERATOR: RJS

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FBI RADIO

TO: ATLANTA AND BUREAU

FROM: CHARLOTTE

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URGENT 9-24-58 8-02 PM EST JHT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC-S, CHARLOTTE AND JACKSONVILLE
FROM SAC, ATLANTA 1P

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNGOGUE AND JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH
SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLA. REMYLET SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST
AND CHARLOTTE RADIOGRAM SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST. AS BUREAU
IS AWARE [REDACTED] AND KENNETH CHESTER GRIFFIN ATTENDED
RECENT NSRP CONVENTION LOUISVILLE. [REDACTED] ATTENDED STATE KLAN
MEETING ATLANTA APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND ACCORDING TO THIS
INFORMANT AND [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEETING WAS OVER ABOUT FOUR THIRTY PM.
GRIFFIN NOT KNOWN TO BE KLAN MEMBER AND NOT PRESENT AT MEETING.
NO ONE BY NAME OF CHILDSOON LISTED AS PRESENT THIS MEETING.
J. W. CHILDERS, KLAN OFFICIAL, ROSWELL, GA. PRESENT BUT CHILDERS
HAS NO KNOWN CONNECTION WITH NSRP. SUGGEST H. H. CHILDSOON BE
INTERVIEWED AS HE APPARENTLY MADE ORIGINAL ALLEGATIONS. ATLANTA
IN MAKING THIS SUGGESTION REALIZES IT MAY JEOPARDIZE THE IDENTITY
OF CE INFORMANT BUT THERE APPEARS NO OTHER LOGICAL WAY TO PROVE
OR DISPROVE ALLEGATION WHICH HANGS AS A CLOUD OVER HEAD OF [REDACTED]

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2 9-05PM OK FBI WA CRA

CE OK FBI RLB

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FBI

Date: 9-19-58

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-135-63)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-444)

BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958
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Re Knoxville airtel to Charlotte 9-15-58, forwarding
photograph of ROBERT ALEXANDER, Illinois State Prison No. 12374,
taken February 1942, identical with HARLEY HANSON CHILDSO.

This photograph exhibited 9-18-58, to [redacted]
without name being mentioned. He stated it is photograph of
person known to him as H. H. CHILDERS of St. Petersburg,
Florida, who was at NSRP meeting 8-30-31-58. He states it is
fairly good current likeness in spite of age of photograph.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-135-63) (RM)
- 1 - Jacksonville (105-64) (RM)
- 1 - Miami (RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (RM)
- 3 - Charlotte (44-444)
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AIRTEL

To: SACs, Jacksonville (105-64)

**Miami
Knoxville
Charlotte
Atlanta**

From: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

**BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY**

ReButel 9/12/58 and Jacksonville airtel 9/13/58.

Miami and Knoxville immediately advise Bureau and interested offices whether photograph of Childson is available. If so, the pertinent office should immediately forward same to Charlotte for exhibition to [redacted] If not, Jacksonville should immediately obtain one and forward it to Charlotte.

Essential this matter receive continuous and preferred attention.

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September 16, 1958

AIRTEL

To: SACS, Jacksonville (105-64)

**Miami
Knoxville
Charlotte
Atlanta**

From: Director, FBI (100-135-63)

**BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE AND
JAMES NELSON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, APRIL 28, 1958
INFORMATION CONCERNING - INTERNAL SECURITY**

ReButel 9/12/58 and Jacksonville airtel 9/13/58.

**Miami and Knoxville immediately advise Bureau
and interested offices whether photograph of Childs is
available. If so, the pertinent office should immediately
forward same to Charlotte for exhibition to [redacted] If
not, Jacksonville should immediately obtain one and forward
it to Charlotte.**

**Essential this matter receive continuous and
preferred attention.**

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ATLANTA

DATE: 9/16/58

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

100-5755

Re Atlanta tel to Bureau 9/12/58, entitled "BOMBING OF JEWISH CENTER SYNAGOGUE and JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, 4/28/58, INFO CONCERNING - IS".

As requested therein, Atlanta is advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He was under his own name at the meeting of NSRP, Louisville, Ky., 8/30-31/58.

- ② - Atlanta (RM)
1 - Charlotte [REDACTED]

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